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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated March 19, 2003, Applicants provisionally elect claims 1-9, with traverse. Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has stated that claims 1-9 (Group I) are classified in class 370, subclass 395.3, and claims 10-21 (Group II) are classified in class 709, subclass 238. However, it is

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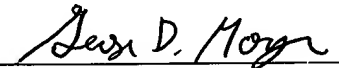
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respectfully submitted that there is substantial overlapping subject matter between Group I and Group II. In particular, both Group I and Group II recite a method for routing packets on a linear array of N processors connected in a nearest neighbor configuration. It is respectfully submitted that a search for one group will necessarily involve a search of subject matter for the other group.

Furthermore, as set forth in MPEP §803, if a search or examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even if the application contains claims to independent and distinct inventions. Applicants believe that the simultaneous examination of all the claims will not present an undue burden on the Examiner.

Early and favorable reconsideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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